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1. ON DEC 17 DAILY GRAPHIC AND GHANAIAI TIMES FRONTPAGED ACCOUNTS OF DEC 16 MEETING BETWEEN HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG AND THREE-MAN SOVIET PEACE COMMITTEE DELEGATION. DELEGATION CONSISTED OF MR. TER-GRIGORYAN (LEADER), A KUSHVIR AND V. DAKHKO. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO GHANA YURI BERNOV AND GHANA PEACE AND SOLIDARITY COUNCL PRESIDENT KWESI GHAPSON WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. MEETING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN COURTESY CALL. ACCORING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, ACHEAMPNG EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO USSR FOR REACTIVATING SOVIET PROJECTS ABANDONED AFTER 1966 COUP. TER-GRIGORYAN COMMENDED ACHEAMPONG FOR IMPROVING STANDARD OF LIVING IN COUNTRY, RAISED HIS STAND ON MAJOR WORLD ISSUES, AND EMPAHSIZED THAT "THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST COURSE PURSUED BY GHANA ENJOYS GREAT RESPECT IN THE SOVIET UNION."

3. DAILY GRAPHIC EDITORIALY WELCOMED DELEGATION WARMLY, NOTING THAT "FOR AFRICA, THE GREATEST CURRENT DEMONSTRATION OF THE SOVIET UNION'S COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND HUMAN DIGNITY IS HER UNCOMPROMISING HATRED FOR RACIALISM AND COLONIALISM AS EXPRESSED IN HER LEADING SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL LIBERATION
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